

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **MCTXSheriff and its Partners Complete Operation Cross County**

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance (HTRA) and law enforcement partners from across our region, conducted a Human Trafficking/prostitution and "John" sting from October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Detectives and agents from multiple agencies along with Non- Government Organizations (NGOs) worked in an undercover capacity posing as "Johns" and "Prostitutes". Our NGOs were also instrumental in reaching out to those persons who may have been "trafficked" and provided them with support services during their rescue.

During this two week long operation, dubbed "Operation Cross County", law enforcement officers worked tirelessly to apprehend those persons who were either providing illicit services or seeking the same. Our primary goal was to proactively address prostitution and human trafficking activity in this community and surrounding areas. We also sought out those victims who may have been forced into providing illegal services through force, fraud or coercion. We were able to identify at least five victims who requested support services and one 16 year old juvenile was recovered as a runaway.

We will continue to send a message, through enforcement actions, that we are not going to tolerate this activity in our community in the hopes that we will deter demand, control supply, rescue those who have been forced into trafficking and prosecute those who continue to thwart our legal system.

Total number of arrests:	75
"Johns" Arrested:	32 (All males charged with M-B Prostitution) - 2 additional charges of Possession of Controlled Substance were filed and 2 charges of aggravated promotion of Prostitutions)
"Pimps" Arrested:	11 (9) Male – (2) Female (M-B prostitutions)
Prostitutes arrested:	28 (all female M-B – one armed with a 22 pistol)
Miscellaneous Charges:	4 (For Miscellaneous Narcotics and weapons charge)
Victims Rescued:	5 (Including one Female Juvenile 16yoa runaway)

Thank you to all of our law enforcement and non-profit partners for their efforts:

- Houston Police Department
- Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
- Montgomery County Pct.3 Constables
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- FBI-Federal Bureau Investigations
- Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission



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- Department of Homeland Security
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- Texas Department of Public Safety
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